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Applicants: Shawn Thayer Huxel

Serial No.: 09/851,257

Art Unit: 3738

Filed : May 8, 2001

Examiner: A. J. Stewart

For : REMOVABLE STENT FOR BODY LUMENS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir:

Your Petitioner, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having a registered office at U.S. Route #22, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, represents that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject matter disclosed in the above-captioned patent application and to the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. United States Application Serial Number 09/470,620, filed December 22, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,494,908, issued December 17, 2002. As evidence, Applicants submit herewith the attached copies of Assignments sent on March 20, 2000 and July 30, 2001, respectively, for recording in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Your Petitioner, Ethicon, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 35 USC 253 and 37 CFR 1.321 and 3.73, the terminal part of any patent granted on application Serial No. 09/851,257 which would extend beyond the expiration date of United States Patent No. 6,949,908 B1 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on application Serial No. 09/851,257 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title of said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent No. 6,494,908, this agreement to run with any

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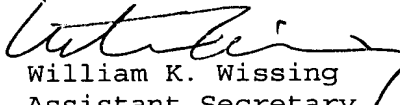
patent granted on application Serial No. 09/851,257 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

The Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$110.00 and any additional fees which may be owed in connection with the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer can be charged to Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1554/WKW. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Signed at New Brunswick, New Jersey this 28th day of September,
2004

Respectfully submitted,

Ethicon, Inc.


William K. Wissing
Assistant Secretary

Johnson & Johnson
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003
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Date: September 28, 2004

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled REMOVABLE STENT FOR BODY LUMENS, the specification of which

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 22, 1999 as

Application Serial No. 09/470,620 ✓

and was amended on _____.
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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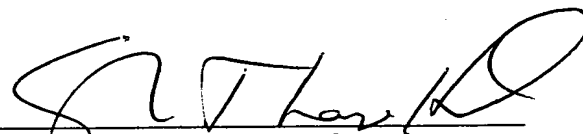
I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr. (Reg. #26,051), Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), and E. Richard Skula (Reg. #31,061) One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933.


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(732) 524-2718.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own
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and belief are believed to be true; and further that these
statements were made with the knowledge that willful false
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or
imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the
United States Code and that such willful false statements may
jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued
thereon.

Inventor's Signature:
Full Name of Sole
or First Inventor


Shawn Thayer Huxel

Date: 3-13-00  3-13-0

Citizenship: USA

Residence: ~~3297 Ridgeway Road, Lakehurst, NJ 08733~~ 34 WOODLANE ROAD
Post Office Address: Same as above LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ 08648

Inventor's Signature:
Full Name of Second Joint
Inventor, If Any



Arindam Datta

Date: 3/13/00

Citizenship: India

Residence: 26 Baker Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08876
Post Office Address: Same as above

Inventor's Signature:
Full Name of Third Joint
Inventor, If Any


Yufu Li

Date: 03/13/00

Citizenship: China

Residence: 11 Hughes Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Post Office Address: Same as above

Inventor's Signature:
Full Name of Fourth Joint
If Any


Dennis D. Jamiolkowski

Date: March 14, 2000

Citizenship: USA
Residence: 20 Fawnridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853
Post Office Address: Same as above

Inventor's Signature:
Full Name of Fifth Joint
Inventor, If Any


E. Richard Skula

Date: 2/20/99

Citizenship: USA
Residence: 31 Robin Road, Wayne, NJ 07470
Post Office Address: Same as above

(Supply similar information and signature for fourth and
subsequent joint inventors.)

RECORDAT

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1. Name of conveying party(ies): Shawn Thayer Huxel Arindam Datta Yufu Li Dennis D. Jamiolkowski Emil Richard Skula Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: Ethicon, Inc. Street Address: U.S. Route 22 West City: Somerville State: NJ Zip: 08876 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 05/08/2001 A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s) 09/851,257 Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Philip S. Johnson, Esq. Chief Patent Counsel Johnson & Johnson One Johnson & Johnson Plaza New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003		6. Total number of applications & patents involved: <u>1</u> 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) <u>\$40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 8. Deposit Account Number: 10-0750/ETH1554/ERS	
9. Statement and signature <i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i> E. Richard Skula Name of Person Signing Signature Date Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 7			

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Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

A S S I G N M E N T

Serial No. 09/851,257
Filed May 8, 2001

WHEREAS, Shawn Thayer Huxel, residing at 3297 Ridgeway Road, Lakehurst, NJ 08733; Arindam Datta, residing at 26 Baker Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08876; Yufu Li, residing at 11 Hughes Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807; Dennis D. Jamiolkowski, residing at 20 Fawnridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 08753 and Emil Richard Skula, residing at 31 Robin Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 and respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

REMOVABLE STENT FOR BODY LUMENS

for which they have on the day of , 2001 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

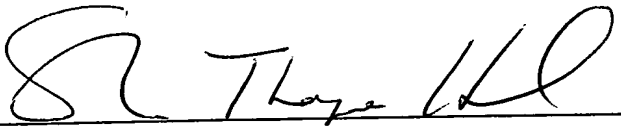
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 31st day of MAY, 2001


Shawn Thayer Huxel (L.S.)

STATE OF NJ)

) ss.

COUNTY OF
MERCER

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 31 day of MAY, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Shawn Thayer Huxel, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.


Notary Public

KEVIN ROBERT MILNER
Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires September 26, 2004

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 24 day of MAY , 2001

Arindam Datta

(L.S.)

Arindam Datta

STATE OF) New Jersey
) ss.
COUNTY OF (Union)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24 day of May , 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Arindam Datta, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Amelia T. Kenny
Notary Public

AMELIA T. KENNY
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Sept. 6, 2005

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 24th day of May, 2001

Yufu Li (L.S.)
Yufu Li

STATE OF) NEW JERSEY
) ss.
COUNTY OF) SOMERSET

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th day of May, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Yufu Li, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Robert J. Tannhauser
Notary Public
ROBERT J. TANNHAUSER
Notary Public Of New Jersey
My Commission Expires 10/18/2004

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

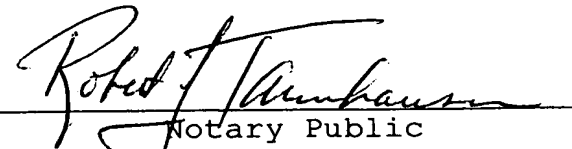
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 25th day of May, 2001

 (L.S.)
Dennis D. Jamiołkowski

STATE OF) New Jersey
) ss.
COUNTY OF) SOMERSET

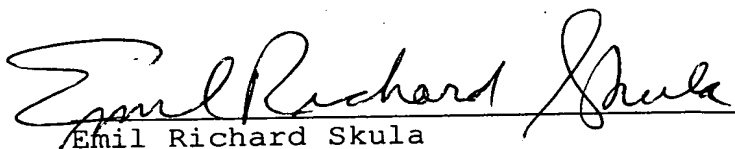
BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 25th day of May, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Dennis D. Jamiołkowski, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.


Notary Public
ROBERT J. TANNHAUSER
Notary Public Of New Jersey
My Commission Expires 10/18/2004

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 14th day of JUNE, 2001

 (L.S.)
Emil Richard Skula

STATE OF NJ

) ss.

COUNTY OF Middlesex

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of June, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Emil Richard Skula, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.





Notary Public

MARGARET B. CENEY
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires July 19, 2005

**RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET
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<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies):</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Shawn Thayer Huxel Arindam Datta Yufu Li Dennis D. Jamiolkowski Emil Richard Skula</p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):</p> <p>Name: Ethicon, Inc.</p> <p>Street Address: U.S. Route 22 West</p> <p>City: Somerville State: NJ Zip: 08876</p> <p>Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>						
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REMOVABLE STENT FOR BODY LUMENS
(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

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DECLARATION - Utility or Design Patent Application

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Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
09/470,620	December 22, 1999	Pending Patented Patented

I hereby appoint:

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name
(first and middle [if any]) Shawn Thayer

Family Name
or Surname HUXEL

Inventor's
Signature

Date

5/31/01

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NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:

☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name
(first and middle [if any]) Arindam

Family Name
or Surname DATTA

Inventor's
Signature

Date

Residence: City Hillsborough

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Mailing Address 26 Baker Drive

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NAME OF THIRD INVENTOR:

☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name
(first and middle [if any]) Yufu

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

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NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:

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NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:

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Emil R. Skula

Date

6/14/01

Residence: City Wayne

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Serial No. 09/470,620
Filed December 22, 1999

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08648* WHEREAS, Shawn Thayer Huxel, *residing at 34 WOODLANE ROAD* ~~residing at 3297~~
~~Ridgeway Road, Ladhurst, NJ 08733~~; Arindam Datta, residing at
26 Baker Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08876; Yufu Li, residing at 11
Hughes Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807; Dennis D. Jamiolkowski,
residing at 20 Fawnridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853 and E.
Richard Skula, residing at 31 Robin Road, Wayne, NJ 07470, and
respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain
new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

REMOVABLE STENT FOR BODY LUMENS

for which they have on the day of , 2000 executed an
application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of
New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of
acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in
consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable
considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby
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and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their
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and discoveries disclosed in said application whose
identification above by serial number and filing date, when
available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application,
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made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the
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And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this / 3rd day of MARCH, 2000


Shawn Thayer Huxel (L.S.)

STATE OF

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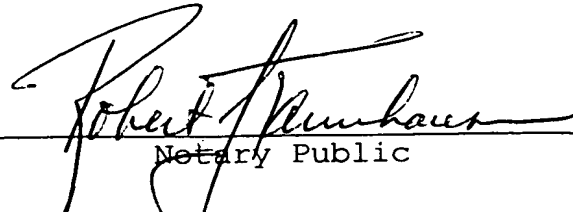
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) Somerset

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Arindam Datta

(L.S.)

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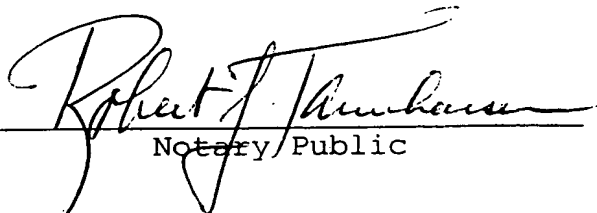
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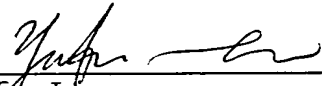


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Yufu Li (L.S.)

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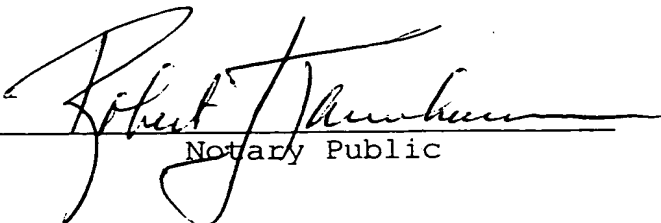
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 14th day of March, 2000

Dennis D. Jamiolkowski
Dennis D. Jamiolkowski

(L.S.)

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) ss.

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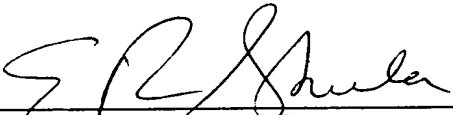
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E. Richard Skula (L.S.)

STATE OF NJ,
COUNTY OF Millbury) ss.

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